Project Reports on Irrigation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh

509. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have been project reports with regard to the Medium Irrigation Projects viz. (i) Janjhavati Reservoir Scheme in Srikakulam district (ii) Pedavagu Project in Adilabad District (iii) Sanjay Project in Nizamabad district (iv) Chelmelavagu Project in Adilabad District (v) Landi Project in Nizamabad district (vi) Modi Kuntavagu Project in Khammam District and (vii) Palemvagu Project in Khammam district to the Central Water Commission; and

(b) if so, when the reports of these projects were sent to the Central Water Commission with estimated costs and what progress has since been made for the clearance of these projects and also reasons for the delay in according clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir: all these projects except Lendi irrigation project were received from Andhra Pradesh. Comments on these projects have since been sent to the State Government for compliance.

Lendi project has been received from Maharashtra which envisages benefits to areas in Andhra Pradesh also.

Ayurvedic dispensary in Sector XII R. K. Puram, New Delhi

510. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Dispensary in Sector XII, R. K. Puram, New Delhi is in utter shambles;

(b) whether patients have to wait in long queues for the supply of medicines and only one window is opened and the other closed with the result that it takes almost an hour or so to get the medicines;

(c) whether the Dispensars too behave in a very apathetic and crude manner; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to set matters right and ensure speedy supply of medicines and better treatment towards the patients in the dispensary?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Few complaints about the functioning of Ayurvedic Dispensary, R. K. Puram. Sector XII have been received.

(b) Due to higher average attendance inadequate space and staff constraints medicines are dispensed from one counter only.

(c) and (d) Complaints regarding behaviour of the staff were received and some of the staff members have been transferred to improve the functioning of the Dispensary.

Availability of Medicines in Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the Capital

511. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any procedure has been laid down for the indenting storage and replenishment of medicines in the CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries in the capital; if so, what are the details thereof; and whether it envisages the keeping of atleast one week reserve stock before a particular medicine is fully out of stock;

(b) whether it is a fact that the endemic shortage of medicines in the Ayurvedic Dispensaries in Sector XII, R. K. Puram, New Delhi and even in case of medicines prescribed by a Specialist, a patient has to wait for more than 2-3 weeks and the I/C, is not emplowered to secure them locally; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to streamline the whole procedure and

issue order for the local supply of medicines pending replenishment by the stores to ensure continuity of treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a)and (b) There is a prescribed procedure of intending, storage and replenishment of medicines in CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in the Capital. Each dispensary sends its regular indent as per schedule programme issued by Ayurvedic store once in a period of 30—40 days. There is a provision of replenishment of medicines by supplementary/By Hand indents as and when required. There is also a provision of local purchase of medicine through Local Chemist in case of non-availability of formulary items in the Ayurvedic Store. Non-formularly items, if prescribed by specialist are also procured through local chemists and supplied to the beneficiaries by the Medical Officer I/C within a week's time. Instructions do exist to maintain buffer stock of essential medicines.

By and large the supply of medicines in the Ayurvedic dispensary Sector XII, R. K. Puram is satisfactory.

(c) In view of above (a) and (b), the question does not arise.

National Malaria Eradication Programme

512. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Malaria Eradication Programme has failed to achieve the desired objectives and Malaria is on the increase; and

(b) whether in view of this dangerous situation, Government propose to appoint a high powered Malaria Commission consisting of Parliamentarians, research scientists, and malarialogists to review all aspects in details so that the programme can be suitably modified and made cost-effective?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No. The Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria is being implemented w.e.f. April, 1977. Since then, there has been marked reduction in malaria incidence in the country. From 6.47 million cases recorded in 1976, these declined to 1.66 million cases in 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in incidence of Malaria

513. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaria is on the increase despite 40 per cent of the Central Health outlay having been allocated for the Malaria Eradication Programme which was launched thirty years back in 1958; and

(b) whether the reasons for this situation have been identified and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No. There has been a decline in the incidence of malaria during current year as per the reports received from the State/UT health authorities till September, 1988 as compared to the corresponding period of 1987 as under:

	Malaria cases	P. falciparum
1987 . . .	5,76,149	1,82,590
1988 . . .	5,63,415	1,62,364

(b) Does not arise.

Use of Plant Phylanthus

514. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plant phylanthus niruri has been found effective against hepatitis B virus under controlled tribals conducted at PGIBMS, Madras if so, the details thereof;